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TO : [ ]  
FROM : Chief, WE

DATE: 22 October 1952

SUBJECT: GENERAL -

SPECIFIC: Hans HERRSCHAFT

Reference: WFF-6181

1. Reference dispatch contained information received from [ ] concerning Hans HERRSCHAFT, currently reported to be working for the Rumanian Siguranta, and requested information which might tend to confirm the material submitted by source.

2. The following information which corroborates some details furnished by [ ] has been extracted from MGLA-10613 dated 3 March 1952, subject: Dr. Emil RUFFMANN, an individual allegedly participating in illegal East-West trades.

Hans HERRSCHAFT, Rumanian Volksgenosse, former SS-Untersturm-fuhrer, is living at Muhlendorf/Ebn - Aschau-Werk. An historian, he is a silent partner in a glass tile factory. He has been involved in shady affairs in connection with bills of exchange. He has a contact in MIKROKOPIE, a firm in Munich; in the French Intelligence Service; and in "Scheinwerfer-Kreis" (sic).

With reference to Dr. MARCUX and his association with the RSU (Rhine-land Recording Statistical Unit), MGLA-10613 stated that one Dr. Karl MARKUS, assistant leader of Bureau J (RSHA section engaged in economic intelligence) who defected to the British in France in 1944, belonged to the RSU after 1945. In this capacity he recruited earlier members of the German IS, of the SS and of the Nazi Party for his net. He used as cover for himself and his recruits the fact that they were all former members of a resistance group in the Third Reich.

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MOLA-10613 listed both HERRSCHAFT and MARKUS as contacts of HOFFMANN but did not state these two were known to each other.

3. There is no information in headquarters' files indicating that HERRSCHAFT has been connected with the RSU nor is there any additional information about that "movement" itself.

4. In connection with the "Association of Germans of Rumania," it was reported in MUNI-6226 dated 27 December 1951 that Harwart SCHNEIDER's "Association of Germans from Rumania" had voted on 11 September 1951 in Munich to join the "League of Free Rumanians" which has strong Iron Guard orientation. Hans HERRSCHAFT was appointed by the Association one of four representatives to the League from Germany. According to the Rumanian Desk, the League is a loose organization in which member groups appear to have retained some of their identity, and it is plausible that HERRSCHAFT is vice-president of the "Association of Germans from Rumania" as reported by UNBOUND.

5. While there is no evidence here to substantiate [redacted] report that HERRSCHAFT is working or has worked for the Rumanian Siguranta, the possibility need not be ruled out. It has been reported that he has an unsavory reputation and has been involved in blackmarket activities.

6. Headquarters has no record of MUNSCHEN nor any information indicating that HERRSCHAFT has been received by Professor HEUSS or by Herr ZHLER. It is felt that Frankfurt might be able to furnish information concerning these contacts.

7. There is no objection to your passing to [redacted] the information in paragraphs 4 and 5. The German Desk has granted permission for the transmittal to liaison of the information in paragraph 2; however, the Desk has pointed out that this material has been secured from ZIPPER and that, therefore, source may have also distributed it to the French. The decision whether or not to pass this information [redacted] is left to your discretion.

8. Headquarters feels that Frankfurt may be able to provide additional information concerning HERRSCHAFT. Should any evidence come to your attention supporting the allegation that he is presently working for the Siguranta (which has been incorporated into the SECURITATE), headquarters would appreciate receiving this information.

CC:Frankfurt

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